

More Than Books

Highlights

- During *Coffee and Conversation*, Molly Batschelet, a social worker with the VA, will discuss how you can find resources for Veterans. Library staff will be on hand to show you how to find additional resources at the Library. Friday, October 28, 10-11:30 AM, Faulk Central Library.
- If you love bad movies, come see *Creeping Terror*. A monster (made up of a moldy carpet flung over crawling kids, who are plainly visible) attacks locals in Nevada. Carver Branch, Thursday, October 27, 6:30 PM.
- The 2016 East Austin Studio Tour is coming! and *East at the Library* returns for another year. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, stop by any Austin Public Library location to pick up a free East catalog while supplies last. Make a point to visit the Windsor Park, University Hills, Carver, Willie Mae Kirk, Cepeda, Terrazas, and Ruiz Branches, which are official East art exhibit venues.
- It's time for books, stories and fun, with laughing skulls, lively music and mask-making amidst fluttering butterflies. Come enjoy this family literacy-based *Dia de los Muertos* art program. Wednesday, November 2, 5:30 PM, Cepeda Branch.
- November 8, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center. Author program with Ross Tomlin, author of new biography of Homer Thornberry, a Congressman and federal judge from Austin.
- Interested in User Experience Design? Get an introduction at the Twin Oaks Branch, Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 PM. Presented in partnership with Google Fiber and General Assembly.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: : Estimated as being roughly 85% complete, the New Central Library continued to be an extremely busy construction project during October, 2016. Some of the construction activities now underway at the site are: finishing up the North side of 2nd Street including landscaping, building the section of the LAB (Lance Armstrong Bikeway) along the Shoal Creek Greenbelt, installing underground irrigation lines and landscape lighting, setting Mill Stone Walls to Cesar Chavez Street from the exterior Central Stairs being built on the East side of the library, installing limestone from the South Stairs to the Central Stairs, placing flagstones and pavers, installing the overhead doors at the loading dock and erecting the guardrail around the roof garden. Within the interiors of the building, the installation of stone, mesquite and oak flooring and carpet continues on all levels as does the installation of wood paneling and other ceiling finishes, the decking of atrium bridges, completing the raised access flooring in the Special Event Forum, and the final painting of all walls and other surfaces. Finally, CAW by Christian Moeller has been successfully installed at the New Central Library. Prominently placed in the atrium, CAW is a 37' kinetic sculpture resembling a giant cuckoo clock with a swinging pendulum. Christian Moeller is an innovative, internationally recognized public artist whose artworks frequently incorporate robotic elements. CAW comes complete with an LED animation screen featuring a blackbird

that will be installed on the 5th floor of the library. A computer program will drive the behavior and gestures of the bird on the screen using an artificial life system. This artwork was inspired both by Austin's relationship to its resident grackle population and by the strong presence black birds have in mythology and literature.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) has provided their comments on this retrofit project's 60% Complete Design drawings and specifications. Their comments on the documents at their present level of completion are now being reviewed by the Library Department and its consultant engineers.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The rescheduled Special Commissioners' Hearing was convened on October 5 in order that the Library might acquire the fee simple title for the half acre parcel adjacent to the University Hills Branch Library that is required to carry out the parking lot expansion project. The current property owner did not attend the original September 15 Special Commissioners Hearing nor the Special Commissioners' Hearing reset to October 5 at the request of the attorney ad litem appointed by the court to protect the current property owner's interests. The ruling of the Special Commissioners in this land acquisition is unknown to the Library Department at this time.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR LLC.), assigned to this project from the City's Job Order Contract Rotation List, submitted a proposal to perform the work that exceeds the consultant engineers' construction cost estimate by over \$300,000. Specifically, the consultant engineers projected the probable construction cost would be \$438,000 while the cost of KBR's proposal to perform the work totals \$747,000. Revised comments regarding the proposal have just been received by the Library Department from the Capital Contracting Office. The consultant engineers and Library Facilities Services personnel will review these comments and add input prior to forwarding to the contractor, KBR LLC.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: Regrettably, this retrofit of a key life and property safety system at the Library's storage facility has ground to a halt due to there being insufficient authority left in the current Mechanical Engineers Rotation List to allow the contract with the Library's consultant engineers to be extended to finish the project. Rotation List contracts are intended to enable the City to have groups of qualified consultants available to meet the project needs of the various City departments. Rotation List firms are selected through recurring Request for Qualifications (RFQ) processes, and the Library Department has been informed by the Capital Contracting Office that a new Rotation List for mechanical engineers will be available for its use in February, 2017.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:

On October 19, the consultant architects for the project delivered to the Library Department the 90% complete design documents, including the 1/2 size drawings, the specifications manual, the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Checklist as well as their responses to comments from the Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) for the 60% complete design documents. Following his review of these items, the Library's Facility Process Manager will forward the submittal to the Quality Management Division for their continuing review and comments.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project:

On October 6, the Austin City Council authorized negotiation and execution of the contract with Mark E. Van Gelder, dba Art Conservation Services of Austin, to provide art preservation and restoration services for the Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$67,825. The City of Austin Purchasing Office is currently reviewing the contractor's insurance coverage prior to releasing the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Once Notice to Proceed is issued, the commission to restore the loggia fresco is anticipated to take three months for completion. The work has been specifically planned to occur during mild Fall and early Winter months in Austin to allow the cleaning and painting procedures to be carried out during the most ideal temperature conditions. At this time, it is anticipated that the contract will be executed no later than November 1. On October 17, the project manager and architect met with the selected fencing contractor to review the temporary fencing layout prior to the contractor submitting his proposal to perform the work. This temporary fencing being planned for the Austin History Center site will delineate the area of construction and provide a secure laydown yard and mobilization space for the art conservator. A good deal of verification has been required by the building code reviewer to ensure that emergency egress for customers and staff will not be impeded by the conservator's scaffolding and the temporary fencing. The requested proposal to survey the Austin History Center site has been approved by the Library Department and forwarded to the Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) for review prior to Notice to Proceed (NTP) being issued. The resulting property survey will be used in the design and construction of the decorative fence now planned for the protection of this historical site.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project:

The Library Department completed its review of the 30% complete design drawings and specifications for this project and returned the documents to the consultant engineers so that corrections could be made. The corrected submittals have subsequently been returned to the Library Department and forwarded to the Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) to allow for their review process and resulting comments.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:

With the appropriation of an additional \$313,962 in current Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the project's accounting documents have been updated so that the work may proceed through the Design Phase and into construction. Due to the extent of repairs needed at this facility, not only will the ramp be demolished and rebuilt, but the structural damage found at the foundation and exterior walls

near the ramp will be redressed as well. The standing seam metal roof in this area of the building will likewise be repaired. The Capital Contracting Office is presently processing the necessary documents to acquire the engaged engineering firm's professional services for the completion of the project.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

The 90% complete design documents for this remodel project were reviewed by the Library Department and then submitted to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department on October 5 for their review and comments. The Library Department has reached out to the Right of Way Maintenance Division (Public Works Department) for assistance with making some desired landscaping changes in the Right of Way (ROW) fronting the Yarborough Branch Library property during the upcoming renovation project.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

Our consultant architects have submitted 90% complete design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library. The project schedule calls for the City of Austin review comments to be returned to the consultant architects by October 24. A selection process will soon need to be started to acquire a construction contractor for the project.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- The AHC's three Community Archivists presented at St. Edward's University on September 12. They talked about archives as a profession, their background, the role of archives in communities, and the work that the Austin History Center does as a whole. There were approximately 100 attendees.
- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie presented on a panel at the the Association of American State and Local History (AASLH) in Detroit, Michigan, September 14-17 and spoke about the major challenges when developing historical collections and outreach for Asian American communities in Austin and at the AHC.
- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin presented at the Slave Dwelling Project Conference to pique customer interest in AHC collections pertaining to slavery (Sept. 18-21, 2016).
- The AHC participated in the citywide Austin Museum Day event on September 18. Archives Media Specialist Grace McEvoy put together a program, "District Docs," for the event, screening 5 mini-documentaries about the history of the African American Cultural Heritage District (now called Six Square).
- Latino/a Community Archivist Amanda Jasso presented at South Texas College in McAllen, Texas on September 26 for Hispanic Heritage Month. She spoke about prominent Austin Latinos and the methods in which their stories are preserved and archived at the Austin History Center. She also spoke extensively about the collections at the AHC, our collection policies, our staff make-up, how we operate, and her role as a community archivist both within the institution and the broader community. There were a mix of students and colleagues from UT-RGV who were interested in learning more about special collections and preservation practices.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, the Tracor Records, the Network of Indian Professionals, the David Chan Papers, and the Barbara Tramel Robinson Papers. Staff also processed additions to and updated the finding aids for 2 existing collections. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC received many interesting donations in the last month. One collection comprised newspapers clippings, correspondence, certificates, and photographs of the Cater Joseph Family. The Josephs were Lebanese immigrants and a pioneer Austin family that owned Joseph's Man's Shop for many years. The AHC also received a donation of materials from Raw Paw, a local art cooperative that is a record label, publishing house and creative platform. The collective produces an expansive variety of local Austin artists' work, including "zines," comic books and albums.

Publications & Reference

- Research was also conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book on the 100th anniversary of the Settlement Club, a television ad for Lamme's Candies, for display at the Royal Blue Grocery, and for presentations on the Hill Country Alliance and Court of Criminal Appeals websites

Upcoming Events

- November 8, 6:30 PM. Author program with Ross Tomlin, author of new biography of Homer Thornberry, a Congressman and federal judge from Austin.
- December 6, 6:30 PM. Book launch event for AHC's newest book, *Historic Austin Movie Houses*.
- December 13, 6:30 PM. Author program with Texas Monthly editor Skip Hollandsworth, author of a new book about the 1885 "Servant Girl Murders" in Austin.

Central Library Services

In December Austin Classical Guitar & the Austin Public Library will host three classical guitar performances in the second floor events area of the Faulk Central Library. All of the events are on Sunday afternoons from 2-3 PM.

ACG Community Guitarist Ensemble, December 4
Steve Kostelnik, December 11
Kevin McCormick and Rachel McCormick, December 18

My Library Keeps me Healthy Grant Year 2 Behavioral and Mental Health kicked off in September with Social Work student Mary Bell chosen for the practicum. Mary is at Faulk Central meeting customers Mondays, 11 AM - 3 PM; Tuesdays 11 AM - 3 PM and Fridays 1-5 PM. She has also arranged for 4 programs to be presented this semester including Support for Veterans: Coffee and Conversation at Faulk on Friday, October 28 from 10 - 11:30 AM. Speaker Molly Batschelet, a social worker with the Veterans Administration, will discuss how to find resources for Veterans. She will also hold a question and answer session. Reference staff will be on hand to show customers how to find additional resources at the Austin Public Library. Other programs are scheduled at the branches in November.

Branch Services

At Spicewood Springs, 15 people attended the discussion of Stephen Harrigan's *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*. (This book is the 2016 Mayor's Book Club selection.) Branch Manager Pam Bowles found a speech that Stephen Harrigan had presented at the Lincoln Presidential Library when the book was initially published; and she selected a part of the video that she thought was particularly relevant to the book discussion to play for the group. Also, 305 people attended the Saturday afternoon Chess Club (an average of 75 people each week.).

Both Terrazas and Little Walnut began hosting the My Library Keeps Me Healthy grant-related programs A social work student at Texas State is coordinating the program and will visit the two branches weekly to assist customers with mental health needs. There is also a nurse present to offer healthy wellness checks.

Thanks to the hard work of one of the staff members, Windsor Park was able to get Ed Jordan from Austin Friends of Folk Art to loan them several items for their Hispanic American Heritage month display.

Youth Services

The Faulk Central Library is offering a new service for youth: book recommendations via handwritten letter! Over 50 children have dropped a letter in the mailbox in the youth area at Central addressed to the youth librarians in the past few months asking for book recommendations based on books they've enjoyed in the past. Each child gets a handwritten letter with a list of customized books for their age and reading preferences. This program encourages children to practice their writing and reading skills, find new books to love, and helps develop a personal connection with the library, along with giving them a keepsake letter and envelope with their first name artfully hand-lettered on the outside.

Paola Ferate-Soto, Youth Services Regional Manager, conducted a Library outreach on Sunday, September 25, at the Austin Great Wall of China Community School. This Chinese community program takes place in the Webb Middle School each Sunday from 2 - 6 pm. Paola did the Library in a Bag presentation and incorporated Chinese materials such as Pimsler for Mandarin and for Cantonese Speakers, youth books on Chinese folktales, and a variety of other materials that were pertinent to the audience. Paola presented information about library cards, youth services programs and adult programming such as talk time, My library Keeps Me Healthy and others to an interested audience. This was a very successful outreach and over 60 people attended.

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and youth services hosted its first event for young writers at the Faulk Central Library on Tuesday, October 18. Twenty teens and their parents heard from published and aspiring authors about their writing processes, tips, and tricks to help them as they write. Teen participants were very engaged and scribbled notes in the customized writing journals they made at the start of the program. The What's Your Story series of programs continues with another author advice panel for adults on Sunday, October 23 at 2 PM, and more programs throughout the month of November for all ages - including a free storyboarding workshop from Badgerdog. The series will conclude on December 1 with an award ceremony for

finishers, an author advice panel on revision, and an open mic for young authors to share their writing. The What's Your Story event series is a collaborative effort between Youth Services, Central Library Services, and the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation and the Badgerdog Creative Writing Program.

Literature Live! the Library's own puppetry and storytelling troupe has moved to their new home at Recycled Reads in a great space for their materials and creative talents! The team had been housed at the a Municipal Court office in South Austin but once the lease was up, Recycled Reads offered them space at the store. Both work groups are living happily ever after.

Youth Services is providing an innovative new program called Artsmart at the Willie Mae Kirk Library. The program, for ages 5 and up, offers different art techniques from week to week. Everything from printing to painting will be offered in a side-by-side artistic experience for child and parent. More and more folks are coming each week. At the last program, we had over 25 participants.

Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$13,650. Over 4,100 people visited the store, including 131 attending the 13 scheduled events. Donations were received from over 300 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 46 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 44 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of materials representing approximately 68,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 33 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 72,000 items were processed.

Recycled Reads is continuing the price per pound program with Thrift Books in Dallas. They pay 12 cents per pound on the books sent to them. They picked up 12 pallets.

Recycled Reads had an info table at the Urban Planning block party at Clay and Burnet.

Mindy Reed was interviewed for an APL podcast about Recycled Reads

Volunteer Services

September 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	247
Total Volunteer hours	1648.97

Policy Violations

- 38 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 36 Disturbing others using the Library
- 34 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 21 Disorderly conduct
- 20 Using obscene language
- 15 Sleeping in the Library

- 14 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
- 13 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 8 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 7 Destruction of Library property
- 6 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 5 Appropriate clothing is required
- 4 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 4 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 4 Fighting
- 3 Entering unauthorized areas
- 3 Indecent exposure
- 3 Violating Internet Policy
- 3 No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
- 2 Bringing animals into the Library
- 2 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
- 2 Strong odor
- 2 Soliciting and panhandling
- 2 Making bomb threats against Library property, or from Library property
- 2 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 1 Child abuse
- 1 Unintended use of restrooms
- 1 Public lewdness
- 1 Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
- 257 Total**

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	40
Little Walnut	31
Twin Oaks	23
Terrazas 16	
Ruiz	15
Manchaca Rd	12
Spicewood	8
Carver	7
University Hills	7
Cepeda	6
Pleasant Hill	6
St. John	6
Windsor Park	6
Willie Mae Kirk	6
North Village	5
Southeast	4
Hampton	4
Howson	3
Old Quarry	3
Yarborough	2
History Center	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

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